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**Applicant:** Delorme et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/817,374

**Examiner:** V. Balasubramanian

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2003, please reconsider the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks. A Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time up to and including August 11, 2003 with the appropriate fee is filed herewith.

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